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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked all the State Governments to focus more on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to improve the literacy of rural areas and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the State Governments including Kerala have taken any initiatives in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in partnership with State Governments throughout the country including rural areas for universalization of elementary education amongst all children in the age group of 6-14 years. SSA provides for a variety of interventions, including inter alia, opening of new schools, construction of schools and additional classrooms, toilets and drinking water, provisioning for teachers, periodic teacher training and academic resource support, textbooks and support for learning achievement.
Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) have been opened in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) where the female rural literacy is below the national average to provide for residential upper primary schools for girls. 3609 KGBVs have been sanctioned till 31.3.2016, out of which 3599 KGBVs are operational in the country enrolling 3.64 lakh girls. No KGBV has been sanctioned in Kerala as literacy rate of Kerala is above the national average.
(b) The Government is implementing Saakshar Bharat Programme, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Adult Education and Skill Development since October, 2009 to improve the female literacy rate in the country. The scheme is implemented in rural areas of 410 districts in 27 States and UTs that had Adult Female Literacy rate of 50% or below as per Census, 2001 including all left wing extremism affected districts. The scheme is not implemented in the State of Kerala.
(c) Does not arise.
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